

COLLEGE & CAREER BULLETIN

April 27, 2021

AP STUDENTS:

- * See the last page of the Bulletin for the AP exam schedule. As reminder, digital exams will be taken from home. Paper exams will be taken at MLHS. Contact Mrs. Nicholson if you have any questions.
- * If you haven't already, <u>download the AP Digital App</u> and start practicing!

For more information on digital AP testing, please review these documents:

Overview of Digital AP Exams

4 Steps to Take Before Digital AP Exams

- * Reminder: Any AP students with a Chromebook must contact Mrs. Nicholson ASAP for information about downloading the digital app.
- * Reminder for students who are scheduled to take an AP exam on May 27-28 (school will be closed due to unused snow days): You can take your exam as scheduled during Administration 2 OR you can opt to move your exam to Administration 3 (June 8 Micro, June 11 Biology, Environmental). In both formats, the exam will be taken digitally from home. Students who want to switch to Administration 3 must email Mrs. Nicholson by April 30.
- * Need help preparing for AP exams? *Live Review* is a series of livestreamed sessions on YouTube, hosted by AP teachers from across the country, that help students prepare for the 2021 AP Exams. Learn more <u>here</u>.

CLASS UPDATES:

Seniors

* Your School Counselor will be reaching out shortly to schedule your **Senior Exit Interview**. These meetings will take place throughout the month of May.

- * You have until May 1 to decide where you will enroll!

 (A small group of colleges have extended the reply date to May 3; be sure to check the deadline for your specific college). Do not wait until 11:50pm that night!

 Technical issues can arise as you submit your deposit and colleges are typically NOT flexible with this deadline. Contact Mrs. Nicholson if you want to discuss anything before making a decision!
- Interested in remaining on a waitlist? At most colleges, you need to accept your spot on the waitlist. Do not forget this important step!
- Still making a decision? Check out these articles:

Choosing A College: May Day Or Mayday?

College Decisions: Investing, Game Shows, And Mascots

Student Blog: Dear Seniors, An Advice Letter For College Commitment Season "If you didn't have that 'say yes to the dress' moment the second you stepped on campus, it's okay..."

Juniors

* Not sure what you should be doing now to prepare for college applications? Review the MLHS College
Application Timeline to stay on track.

UPCOMING MLHS EVENTS:

May 19 at 7pm: Stockton University's Director of Financial Aid will be presenting on Financing Higher Education. A Zoom link will be shared in the next Bulletin.

June 2 at 7pm: Annual College Admission Panel. MLHS is excited to welcome representatives from Clemson University, Emory University, Tufts University, and the University of Wisconsin! Our panelists will provide

advice and insight on the admission process. A Zoom link will be shared in May.

Missed the College Essay Presentation? A recording is available here.

OTHER COLLEGE/CAREER EVENTS:

April 28: Tulane University hosts Long Island and New Jersey Junior Night. Join senior members of the Office of Admission at Tulane to learn tips for applying to selective universities and colleges, and join in on a candid discussion to demystify the college application process. Register here.

April 29: *Providence College* is hosting a *College Essay Writing Workshop*. This webinar will include ways to brainstorm the right topic for you. Hear from admission staff who have read thousands of essays and can help you feel more confident as you begin to work on your application. Registration is available here.

May 2: The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is hosting THEIR LAST spring college fair on May 2. Over 600 colleges will be represented. We encourage all juniors to attend at least one college fair this spring. To register, visit this link.

Not sure what to ask at a college fair? See a list of sample questions in this Bulletin.

May 8: Music Admissions College Fair: meet with admissions representatives from performing arts programs all across North America. Register here.

May 12: Atlantic Health System is hosting Career Tips for Teens. During the event, students will have the opportunity to learn more about resume writing, interview skills, and social media etiquette. Registration is available here.

May 12: Washington University in St. Louis is hosting the Road to College Webinar Series this month. It kicks off with Building Your College List on May 12, followed by Affording College on May 19 – which will provide tips and takeaways that can be used at any institution during your college search process. Their final event Navigating Selective Admissions takes place on May 26. They will discuss the admissions process for highly selective colleges and what admissions offices look for

in a student's application. Register for one (or all!) of these events here.

May 13: Do you want to compete in college sports? Join the *NCAA Eligibility Center* for their spring webinar for college-bound student-athletes and your families. This webinar will teach you about the initial-eligibility requirements you must meet in order to study and play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school. Register here.

May 16: Syracuse University is hosting a College Search Kick-Off webinar. In this session, admission staff will discuss how to search for a college during a pandemic, how to write an effective college essay and what we look for in an applicant. Register here.

May 20: Providence College is hosting a webinar on College Admission Interviews. If you're preparing for college interviews this fall and are looking for some assistance, join us to learn more about what to expect and for helpful tips & tricks to best take advantage of these valuable opportunities. Register here.

May 27: Emory University is hosting Owning Your Process: College Essay Writing. Join Emory Admission Officers as they share tips on how to tell your story and effectively use your voice in your college essay. Register here.

OTHER RESOURCES:

<u>5 tips for getting great college recommendation letters,</u> The Oakland Press

'A perfect day to win a national championship':
Underdog UMBC defeats favorite Yale in mock trial
tournament, Baltimore Sun

College Admission Conquest: Words Matter, by Forbes

<u>Consider other options for the year after high school</u>, by University Parent

Getting in to college just got harder. Here's what to do if you are waitlisted, by CNBC

<u>How to Navigate College With Food Allergies</u>, by Bucknell University

<u>How To Understand Financial Aid Award Letters</u>, by Forbes

The College Transition: Tips for Students with Disabilities, by NACAC

<u>The Unbroken Cycle of College Admission</u>, Georgia Tech Admissions

<u>Top 10 Questions You May Not Think to Ask on a</u> <u>College Tour (but Totally Should)</u>, by Southwestern University

RECRUITED ATHLETES

Divisions I and II extend COVID-19 initial-eligibility policies, by NCAA. Students who initially enroll full time during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic years and intend to play NCAA Division I or II athletics will not be required to take a standardized test to meet NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.

NCAA Passes One-Time Transfer Rule For All Sports, by Sports Illustrated

Report: NCAA recruiting dead period ending on June 1, USA Today

TESTING UPDATES:

- * 2022 Test Optional Announcement | The University of Alabama
- * Columbia College Chicago will be test-free for the class entering in Fall 2022 and beyond
- * The University of California's 9 undergraduate campuses will not consider SAT or ACT scores for fall 2022 admissions
- * <u>University of New England extends test-blind policy to</u> 2021-22 academic year
- * West Virginia University to extend test optional admissions due to impacts of COVID-19
- * See **FairTest.Org's** full list of <u>Colleges & Universities</u> with ACT/SAT-Optional Testing Policies for Fall 2022 Admissions.

SAT/ACT Registration: Below, you'll find the links to register for SAT and ACT exams. We encourage students to sign up well in advance of the registration deadline, as many testing sites are filling up early.

SAT Registration, ACT Registration

CAREER & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Comet Internship: Comet is an all-in-one task manager that helps students choose their major, find the RIGHT college(s), and keep track of their college apps. We're seeking high school Juniors and Seniors to join our product development and design team. As an intern for Comet, not only will you get help on your college applications, but you'll also get an intro to software development, marketing and brand design. This internship is open to students of all major and career interests. Learn more here.

The Future is Health Apprenticeship: The program supports the future employment of students interested in becoming either a Certified Medical Administrative Assistants (CMAA), Certified Medial Assistants (CMA) or Certified Home Health Aides (CHAA). Generally, an apprentice will receive 2,000 hours (approximately 12 months) of on the job training and a minimum of 144 hours of related technical training for each year of the apprenticeship. Students will be compensated for the work time as well as receive incentives and stipends for their performance. Opportunities will be presented to each student to continue their education upon completion of their apprenticeship. Contact Mrs. Nicholson for the application.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

If you have been selected as a recipient for any scholarship listed in the Bulletin, please let Mrs. Nicholson know!

ACF Visionary Scholarship Program: Awards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each with multiple winners to be selected. Eligible grades: 2021, 2022, 2023, & 2024. Applications are due by May 1.

CodeWizardsHQ Educational Scholarship: a high school senior will receive \$2500 to support their education. Priority given to STEM program applicants. See eligibility and application requirements here. Apply by May 1.

Friends of the Arts Scholarship: acknowledges graduating Mountain Lakes High School seniors who have actively participated in the visual and/or

performing arts both in and out of the school setting, and who plan to continue participating in the arts in the future. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. To access the application and learn more, visit this link. The application is due by May 7.

MLHS Alumni Class of '69 Scholarship: Eligibility criteria for college scholarship: (1) graduating senior at MLHS (regardless of hometown), (2) minimum overall GPA of 3.7, (3) demonstrable community service, and (4) compelling financial need. Complete the application (attached to the Bulletin email) by May 18 and send it to sandy.harrison@comcast.net. Applicants should also include a copy of your MLHS transcript and most recent report card.

Mountain Lakes Education Association (MLEA)

Scholarship: The MLEA awards a scholarship each year to a deserving student who meets the following criteria:

1) Applicant must be a member of the MLHS Senior Class OR be the graduating child of an MLEA member.

2) Student must be furthering their education. 3) They must have maintained a minimum 3.5 GPA average throughout their high school career. 4) Applicant must have demonstrated an interest, or had involvement, in the educational community. Applications due by May 7.

NJACAC Rainbow Key: The New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling (NJACAC) is seeking a logo design for its new Rainbow Key program. Rainbow Key will be a series of workshops for LGBTQ+ students and their families to help navigate the college search process. Current college and high school students are welcome to create and submit a logo design; the winner will receive a \$250 prize. Contact Mrs. Nicholson for more information. Deadline for submission is May 10.

Photographer.org Academic Scholarships: \$1,000 scholarships to be used to help pay tuition and academic expenses. Apply by May 1.

Pureland Supply Vocational and Skilled Trade Scholarship: The \$500 scholarship is available to students who have been accepted to an accredited trade school, vocational college, technical school or community college for the study of trade, craft, or labor occupations. Recipients are chosen on their ability to describe how their chosen trade or field plays an important role in today's world and why this is the path they have chosen. Apply by May 1.

<u>PREVIOUSLY SHARED & STILL ACCEPTING</u> <u>APPLICATIONS</u> (see past Bulletins for descriptions)

All About Education Scholarship: Apply by April 30.

B.Davis Scholarship: Apply by May 22.

Be Bold Scholarship: Apply by April 30.

Chester Entrepreneur Scholarship: Apply by April 30.

Hearing Loss Association of America, New Jersey Association: Apply by May 1.

IWSH Essay Scholarship Contest: The <u>deadline</u> for essay submissions is April 30.

Let Grow's Think for Yourself: Apply by April 30.

NBCUniversal Tony Coelho Media Scholarship: Apply by May 20.

New Jersey Hall of Fame Arete Scholarship Fund: Apply by May 1.

RealtyHop Scholarship: Apply by April 30.

Shawn Carter Scholarship Fund: See here for eligibility. Apply by April 30.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship: Search for the university you're attending <u>here</u> to see if there's a scholarship application available.

Snapology STEM Studies Scholarship: Apply by April 30.

The Warrior's Legacy Scholarship Fund: more here; apply by May 31.

Looking for more scholarship opportunities? Check out <u>FastWeb.com</u>

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

DePaul's Virtual Summer High School Training

Program: prepares rising 11th and 12th grade students for the college audition and interview process. Students will study one of six concentrations from the comforts of home - acting, comedy arts, directing, design, playwriting, or stage management/theatre technology. Apply by May 1.

MLHS AP SCHEDULE:

Administration 2

2021 AP Exam Schedule



Digital 🖵	12 noon Eastern Daylight Time	4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time	F
Tuesday, May 18, 2021	 English Literature and Composition 	Computer Science A	N N
Wednesday, May 19, 2021	European HistoryUnited States History	Art HistoryMacroeconomics	T N
Thursday, May 20, 2021	United States Government and PoliticsWorld History: Modern	 Psychology 	
Paper 💪	8 a.m. Local Time	12 noon Local Time	V
Friday, May 21, 2021	 Italian Language and Culture Japanese Language and Culture (computer-based) Latin Spanish Language and Culture 	Chinese Language and Culture (computer-based) French Language and Culture German Language and Culture Music Theory Spanish Literature and Culture	T N F N

Paper 🕜	8 a.m. Local Time	12 noon Local Time
Monday, May 24, 2021	Calculus ABCalculus BC	Physics 1: Algebra-BasedPhysics C: Mechanics
Tuesday, May 25, 2021	ChemistryPhysics C: Electricity and Magnetism	Physics 2: Algebra-BasedStatistics
Digital 🖵	12 noon Eastern Daylight Time	4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
Wednesday, May 26, 2021	 English Language and Composition 	Computer Science PrinciplesSeminar
Thursday, May 27, 2021	 Biology 	Environmental Science
Friday, May 28, 2021	Comparative Government and PoliticsHuman Geography	Microeconomics

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Contact Mrs. Nicholson at cnicholson@mlschools.org if you have any questions.

^{*} Students taking AP Chinese are scheduled for Administration 3 (June 4).